

Mugged By The Mirror

"Identity Theft: Recovering Who You Are", Part 5
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I) HOW THE MIRROR CAN MUG OUR IDENTITY

1) We are mugged by crazy ___CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS___.

"For everything in the world— the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does— comes not from the Father but from the world." (1 John 2:16, NIV)

2) We are mugged by ridiculous ___RELATIONAL FEEDBACK___.

"Do not pay attention to every word people say..." (Ecclesiastes 7:21a, NIV)

3) We are mugged by powerful ___PERSONAL DOUBTS___.

"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead I do the very thing I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong... I can't help myself..." (Romans 7:15-17a, NLT)

4) We are mugged by determined ___DEMONIC ATTACKS___.

"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy..." (John 10:10a, NIV)

II) LEARNING TO LOOK BEYOND THE MIRROR

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7, NIV)

From Victoria's Secret To Victorious Secrets

1) Everything must start with the ___WORK OF YOUR HEART___.

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3:1-2, NIV)

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." (Proverbs 4:23, NIV)

2) Dress for the ___REALLY ENDURING SUCCESS___.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:12-14, NIV)

"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of Gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." (1 Peter 3:3-4, NIV)

3) Don't let things get too ___SHODDY WITH YOUR BODY___.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV)

4) When it's all said and done, look to ___THE AUDIENCE OF ONE___.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all his saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge..." (Ephesians 3:17b-19a, NIV)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..." (Colossians 3:15-17, NIV)

*In the righteousness of Christ, I am: Loved by God

Accepted by God

Forgiven by God

Cleansed by Christ

Adopted by the Father

Guided by the Holy Spirit

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